

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.
Form 4
May 11, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Cooper Carla

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY
GROUP, INC., 1030 W. CANTON
AVE, STE. 100

(Street)

WINTER PARK, FL 32789

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.
[RUTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/10/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/10/2017		M	3,000	A \$ 17.17	36,048	D
Common Stock	05/10/2017		S	3,000	D \$ 21.1958	33,048	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.17	05/10/2017		M	3,000	(2) 08/09/2017	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cooper Carla C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. 1030 W. CANTON AVE, STE. 100 WINTER PARK, FL 32789	X			

Signatures

Alice G. Givens, under Power of Attorney 05/11/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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(1) The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.20 to \$21.175, inclusive. The reporting person further undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., or a security holder of Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 3,000 shares, became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on August 9, 2008, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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